

Declaration of Theresa Martinez

I, Theresa Martinez, hereby declare:

1. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge and if called to testify I could and would do so competently as follows.
2. In 1990, I received my Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Since 1990, I have been an Assistant and then later an Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Utah. I have received multiple awards for my scholarship and teaching, including the 2005 Faculty Research and Teaching Award from Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.
3. Since 2006, I have also held the position of Assistant Vice President for Academic Outreach for Undergraduate Studies at the University of Utah. From 2004 to 2006, I was the Associate Dean for Academic Outreach within Undergraduate Studies. My past appointments and elections include: Special Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Academic Senate President, Academic Senate Executive Committee Secretary, and Director of Chicana/o Studies in the Ethnic Studies Program.
4. I have received numerous awards for my community service, including the Cesar Chavez Peace and Justice Award, the Salt Lake City Mayor's Award in the Humanities, and the Utah Coalition *de La Raza* Personal Achievement and Community Service Award.
5. Since 2003, I have been active on state legislative issues that affect immigrants in Utah. I frequently speak in public forums about immigration issues and I follow the public

discourse in Utah on immigration issues. There is a strong anti-immigrant climate in Utah. In the last six to seven years I've seen real anger and much more virulent hate speech connected to anything related to immigration.

6. Every year that a bill has been introduced to repeal in-state tuition, except the past two years, I've testified at the legislature in support of in-state tuition for undocumented students. I was on the news almost each time. When I was on the news I generally received vicious email and phone calls afterwards. More often than not, when I have testified at a legislative hearing and the hearing is broadcast on the news, I have received hateful phone calls and emails. The callers say things such as, "You call yourself a professor—you sound like an idiot" and "I saw you on the news again, I'm so sick and tired of you yelling and screaming about racism...I'm so sick and disgusted... it's not about racism."
7. When I have appeared on a local television show hosted by Chris Vanocur on Channel 4 to talk about immigration, he has received emails from people asking why he has me on his show. He has told me that he has received negative feedback when I have appeared on his show.
8. A KSL Interview titled "Immigration debate frequently hits home in Utah" which quoted me elicited an awful email sent directly to me that was very racist, sexist, and vicious. The language used was so horrible that I hesitated to include it in this statement. The tone of the email was extremely dehumanizing and insulting. The writer referred to me,

as well as anyone who associated with immigrants, as less than human. The writer called immigrants “brown trolls.” Here is the text of that email:

“Professor Martinez
Whined "Frightening stuff happening in Arizona"
And pontificated your obnoxious politiking
Pleaded for "thinking reasonably"
As though you think you know the answers
Living in the ivory tower (Sociology Department)
Like a self-righteous cunt
Hollering your view
In the KSL interview
Like it matters
Like you care about squat little brown trolls
South of the border
Hopping the border like jumping beans
Who cares about federal law?
Who cares about Arizona law?
Only your opinion matter
In solidarity with third-world brown shites
La Raza motto is
"For *La Raza* todo. Fuera de *La Raza* nada"
Feminist and Communist united as one
A giant cunt
Squirting odious discharge from the ivory tower
You are a Mexicunt
Mexicunt, Mexiscum, Mexishit
All have one in common
The color of brown shit
Reflective of your filthy customs and utterly inferior culture
Mexicunt, Mexiscum, Mexishit
Which one is in the ivory tower?
You, a Mexicunt!”

9. When it came out that I had received a hate email, I was interviewed on the news again.

In the interview I called for open dialogue on these issues. In response, I received another email from the same person insulting me again and saying that I was a “filthy Communist” and that “Communists are gutless cowards.”

10. On another occasion when I participated in an event in support of the DREAM Act I received the following email from the same individual:

Saw you on KSL carrying "Utah United We Dream" with the group of illegals next to federal building.

You are laughably naive with flowery idealism.

DREAM ACT, if passed, will grant amnesty to millions of "children" of the illegals up to age 29.

As usual, you are a Communist moron who sides with National Council of La Raza and other Brown Supremacist groups that call for Altzan uprising while preaching "diversity" as a propagandist in classes, at the U and outside, to induce "white guilt" in Caucasian people.

This is why I called you out for who you are -- living in the bubble of the Ivory Tower, with the foul word that combines Mexican and vulgar slang for vagina.

By the way, you look like a mental deficient when you held that poster. The illegals do not deserve "compassion" -- they deserve to have their collective ass booted out to south of the border where they belong for simply being obnoxious Che-idolizing, communist-sympathizing illegals.

Go ahead and live in the fantasy world of a communist utopia when U.S. republic system is finally dissolved and eradicated with original American Constitution shredded to pieces. You are a cultural Marxist human garbage.

11. I am not the only person who has experienced a backlash for supporting immigrant rights.

Other faculty members have also been threatened. Police Chief Burbank has received hateful responses when he speaks out in support of immigrants.

12. Students who have spoken out in support of in-state tuition for immigrants have also been

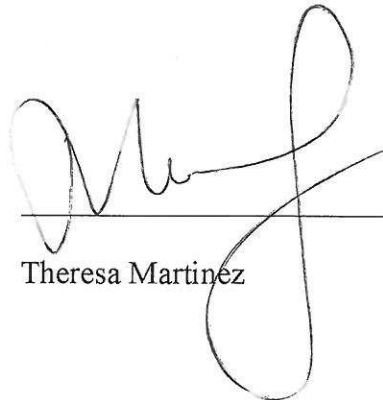
threatened. One student was interviewed on a television news show, and he received some negative emails afterwards. The climate of hate in Utah is so strong that I was afraid for their lives when they decided to speak out.

13. When I have received threatening phone calls and emails, I have reported them either to the University of Utah Police or the Salt Lake Police Department. In the case of the vicious emails that I have discussed above, I reported them to both law enforcement agencies. In addition, I mentioned them to the Chair of my department.

14. I believe there may very well be a backlash against people who come out in the lawsuit against HB 497. Anyone who speaks out against HB 497 publicly may be targeted and receive the same hateful response that I did. Based on my experiences and close observation of the public discourse about immigration in Utah, I fear that any undocumented immigrant who is publicly associated with a lawsuit against HB 497 is highly likely to be targeted for retribution.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Theresa Martinez